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In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application.

Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached Form 1449 is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §609, Applicant further requests that a copy of the Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

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Copies of all non-U.S. Patent documents and Non-U.S. Publication documents are enclosed except for the following journal articles:

Aharinejad S.H., et al., Microvascular Corrosion Casting in Scanning Electron Microscopy. Technique and Applications, Springer – Verlag/Wien, New York, pp. 12-23, 25, 28-39, 63-73, 75-81.

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Dormer KJ, Gan RZ, Santo R, “Middle Ear Titanium Transducer,” Society for Biomaterials, Sixth World Biomaterials Congress Transactions; 2000: 1272.

Kitsugi A, et al., “The Corrosion Behavior of Nd<sub>2</sub>Fe<sub>14</sub>B and SmCo<sub>5</sub> Magnets,” Dental Materials Journal, 1992; 11(2):119-29.

Pirusyan, et al., “Some Regularities of Tissue Squeezing and Regeneration Under Formation of “unstitch” Anastomoses of the Alimentary Canal’s Hollow Organs,” 1979, pp. 13-17 (includes English abstract).

Sugiura T., “Magnetic Compression Anastomosis of the Vascular System in Experimental Dog Models,” 211, p. S141, 1 page English abstract and 12 page slide show.

von Segesser, L.K., Arterial Grafting for Myocardial Revascularization, 1990, pp. 3-140.

Copies of these journal articles were not available after a diligent search. Applicants believe that copies of these journal articles should be available in U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 10/388,374, filed on March 12, 2003, now U.S. Patent No. 7,232,449, and U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 10/441,257, filed on December 10, 2003, now U.S. Patent No. 7,214,234.

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